

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Aug. 13, 2009

MAYOR JERRY SANDERS

Contact: Rachel Laing

(619) 929-7946

FACT SHEET

MAYOR, FAULCONER LAUNCH FIRST IN SERIES OF PROJECTS TO RESTORE CITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Mayor Jerry Sanders was joined by Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer to kick off construction to repair the damaged La Playa Storm Drain – the first project to be funded by a \$103 million private placement aimed at restoring streets and public facilities.

Late last month, the City Council approved a list of 100 projects to be funded by the proceeds of the private bond, which closed in the spring.

"Repairing crumbling roads and completing long-overdue repairs on libraries and firehouses in our communities is a high priority for San Diegans," said Sanders. "These projects also will put people to work, which magnifies the positive impact on the quality of life in our city that these projects will have."

The mayor and Faulconer were joined by dozens of residents in the La Playa neighborhood, where the collapsed storm drain was causing beach erosion and safety concerns. The storm drain is one of two leading to San Diego Bay and 28 citywide slated for repair.

The funds also will pay to resurface 150 miles of city streets; repair or replace roofs at 21 libraries, park facilities and police and fire stations; major structural improvement at the historic Villa Montezuma; three new lifeguard stations; and repairing plumbing, electrical, windows, doors and heating and cooling systems at dozens of public facilities.

"The financial reforms we have made have enabled the city to restore its credit ratings and helped to secure bonds at favorable interest rates to pay for projects like these, saving millions of taxpayer dollars," Faulconer said. "These projects will put San Diegans to work and fix our neighborhoods."